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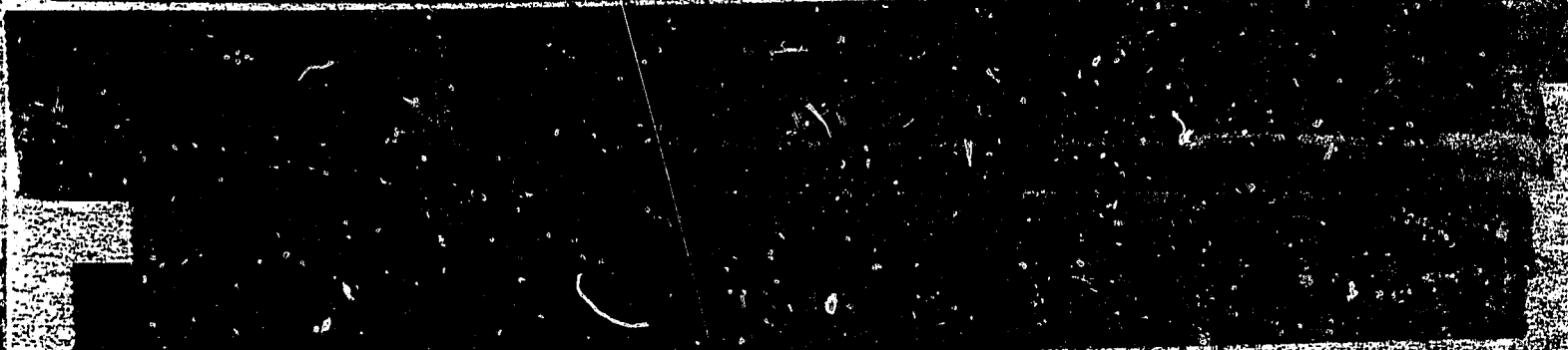
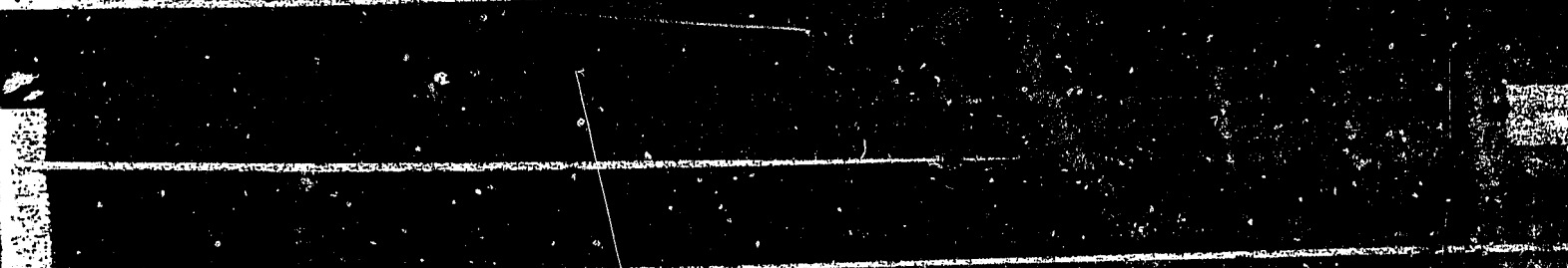
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5. U.S. Communications Expert Submits Report on Establishment of TV Broadcasting. FCC Chief Engineer Edward W. Allen left Saudi Arabia May 2 after having outlined to Minister of Information Shaykh Jamil HAJAYLAN an action program designed to establish television in the country on a sound basis and as quickly as feasible. (Jeddah Weekly No. 172). Mr. Allen suggested three alternatives: a) that in Saudi Arabia attached importance to having a TV system compatible with that of its neighbors there were certain practical advantages in adopting a 625 line, 50 field system, the so-called European system; b) small transmitters might be established quickly and cheaply in Jidda and Riyadh, pending installation of permanent and more powerful facilities at these two cities after which the temporary transmitters could be employed elsewhere, for example, in Mecca and Makkah; c) the earliest possible start should be made to develop adequate programming materials, as well as to train Saudi technical personnel. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Mr. Allen's prompt arrival and superior performance made excellent impressions. Saudis deferring action on Allen report pending USG answer to Crown Prince Faysal's request that it act as SAC's agent in implementing this project. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY

1. Advance Party of Saudi Surface Operation Arrives in Dhahran. On May 5 advance party from CINCPAC arrived in Dhahran to prepare for units which will participate in Saudi Surface Operation consisting joint training exercises with RSAP. Since May 5, RSAP communications and housekeeping supplies have arrived. (SECRET)

2. Plan to Shift RSAP Training Operations from Jidda to Riyadh. RSAP has been alerted to shift its headquarters with all officers and men from Jidda to Riyadh during month May together with flight personnel for F4s and F2s. This would be the only transport squadron base in Jidda. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: There is logical centralization of RSAP command and training operations in Riyadh with Ministry of Defense. RSAP personnel reluctant to move and Air Attache doubts that in any case move will be effected within given time limit. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. USC Requests US Naval Mission. Foreign Ministry has presented Embassy with request originating with NMIC for visit of US Naval Mission to advise on Saudi naval policy. Problems involved include selection of site for naval base at Dammam or Jidda and development of long-term plan for expansion of Saudi Navy. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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